

Application Serial No. 09/836,470  
Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS

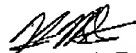
Claims 20-49 are pending in the present application.

Support for new Claims 20-49 is found in Claims 1-14 and the specification as originally filed. Support for the stringent hybridization conditions recited in the present claims is found on page 16, lines 8-9. No new matter is believed to be introduced by the amendment to the claims.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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